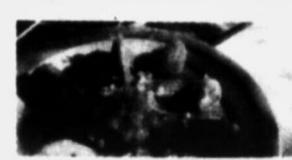


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Changes are in store

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Sophomore Clare Nauman plays her violin during rehearsals of the Arlington High School Honors Orchestra last Friday. The orchestra and Madrigal Singers are preparing for a European tour and farewell concert.

Heading back to Europe

AHS groups preparing for tour, concert

By Jenny Brown
STAFF WRITER

While most Arlington kids enjoyed the third snow day of the week, a group of 26 students sluggishly made their way to the music room at Arlington High School.

Gathered in a semi-circle around a piano, they wore oversized hoodie sweatshirts, sipped coffee and munched on Doritos, looking every part the typical teenagers. But when choral director Cheryl Christo Hemenway approached the piano, the group, the AHS Madrigal Singers, suddenly came to life.

After a few moments limbering their voices, something magical happened: the room filled with rich, lush song as they gracefully began an Irish blessing. At Hemenway's cue, they seamlessly switched the song, midstream, from English to Italian.

In the auditorium next door, the 14 equally dedicated students who make up the Honors String Orchestra followed conductor Pasquale Tassone's direction as they played a lively medley from "West Side Story" before practicing with equal enthusiasm "Sonata No. 4" by Arcangelo Corelli. Tassone,



Cheryl Hemenway directs the Madrigal Singers during rehearsals last Friday.

who not only leads the orchestra but is the director of fine arts for the Arlington Public Schools, arranged the sonata for the violin and viola himself.

These committed students have willingly given up their free day for

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THE SCOOP...



Who: AHS Madrigal Singers and Honors Orchestra
What: Farewell Concert
When: Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Where: AHS' Lowe Auditorium

Reaching the summit: Zukroff climbs Kilimanjaro

By Brooke Leister
STAFF WRITER

At 14,000 feet on Mount Kilimanjaro, Stacia Zukroff took in the desolate landscape filled solely by volcanic rock. The scene was a stark contrast to the lush rainforest, filled with monkeys, birds and snakes, 7,000 feet below at the trail's start.

"You feel like you could be in

the Amazon," the Arlington resident said of the hike's beginning. "And then within a day, the trees get shorter. There's not enough oxygen with the cold. We stopped seeing any type of plant life at about 14,000 feet — not even a shrub — just volcanic rock."

At the end of December, Zukroff, chairman of the Appalachian Mountain Club's

major excursions, led 14 people to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The mountain rises 19,340 feet above the African plain and is the largest free-standing mountain in the world.

The North Shore native began hiking in 1997 while living in Washington. When she returned to Massachusetts, she wanted to continue her hobby.

"I was living in Washington

state. I could see them (the Cascade Mountains) out my window in the distance," said Zukroff, who manages the study abroad and exchange programs at Babson College. "When I moved back to Massachusetts in 1998, it (hiking) had become such a part of my life that I wanted to find a place to do it here."

She joined the Appalachian Mountain Club and within a year

became a volunteer leader. From there, she began leading hiking and backpacking trips for the Young Members' Committee, which she still does today. After participating in special training, Zukroff, who also works part-time at Wild Women Outfitters in Arlington Center, became a major excursions leader.

She has led trips in the Canadian Rockies, New Zealand,

Nepal, Alaska and, most recently, Tanzania.

Prior to leaving for Africa, she and the hike participants met four times throughout 2004. Before each excursion, she tries to meet at least once with her group. Because the Tanzania participants lived within two hours of each other, it was easier to get together. Group par-

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Here's Johnny

The Regent Theatre hosted a tribute to Johnny Carson Friday.

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Winter blunderland

The Advocate searched Massachusetts Avenue last Thursday looking for businesses that were violating the town's snow removal bylaw. We took photos of some of the violating sidewalks.

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Correction

Because of an editing error, "Resolve to get more sleep in 2005" in the Jan. 20 Health and Fitness supplement incorrectly stated the amount of sleep recommended for adults by Dr. Lawrence Epstein, regional medical director of Sleep HealthCenters. Epstein states the most adults require seven and a half to eight hours of sleep per night.

Thursday, Feb. 3

- School Committee's Policy and Procedures Subcommittee meets at 3:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's office, Arlington High School, sixth floor.
- Sports Center Improvement Committee meets at 7 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Skating Rink, 422 Summer St.
- Affordable Housing Task Force meets at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, first-floor conference room.

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- Conservation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Department of Public Works conference room, Town Hall Annex, second floor.

Monday, Feb. 7

- Board of Selectmen meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, second floor.
- Vision 2020's Sustainable Arlington meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Cutter House.
- Arlington Bicycle Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, first-floor conference room.

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- Finance Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Safety Building, second-floor meeting room.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

- Board of Health meets at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center, first-floor conference room.
- Tri-Community Working Group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall, second floor.
- School Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the School Committee

MEETINGS

Room, Arlington High School, sixth floor.

- Park and Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, ground-floor conference room.

• Town-wide Parent-Teacher Organization meets at 7 p.m. in Robbins Library, fourth floor.

- Vision 2020's Spy Pond Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, first-floor conference room.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

- Martin Luther King Jr. Birth-

day Observance Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, first-floor conference room.

- Vision 2020 Standing Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.

• Zoning Bylaw Review Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall, second floor.

- Finance Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Safety Building, second-floor meeting room.

• Affirmative Action Advisory Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, third-floor conference room.

Thursday, Feb. 10

- Cemetery Commission meets at 9 a.m. in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery chapel.
- Title IX Committee meets at 4 p.m. in Arlington High School, athletic office.
- Cultural Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Robbins Library, conference room, fourth floor.

KELLEHER LEAVES CENTURY 21 ADAMS



Lin S. Kelleher, formerly of Century 21 Adams, takes new management position at Century 21 Sager Real Estate in Lowell. Kelleher was affiliated with Century 21 Adams since 1992, becoming Manager of their Belmont office in 1998. During this time, Lin received designations for Relocation Director and Certified Residential Specialist, as well as Certified Trainer for Century 21 Corporate. As a licensed Instructor, Lin helped start the Century 21 Adams Realty School for pre-licensing classes. Her management skills and training have helped bring the Belmont office to "Award Winning" status year after year and is proud of her accomplishments during her reign. Lin brings these talents, including her enthusiasm, spirit and commitment to success in her new role as Manager of Century 21 Sager.

"I welcome the challenges that lie ahead and embrace the opportunity to do a job I really enjoy doing. Lowell is a very diverse community that has been experiencing much growth and rebirth, which makes it an exciting place to be. I also hope to maintain the many relationships I've established and value over the past 13 years, here in the community I live in...."

Lin can be reached at her new office at 978-459-0533 or 617-699-7702.

POLICE LOG

Arrests

Monday, Jan. 24

- At 5:23 a.m., a Massachusetts Avenue business owner called police after a plow operator pushed snow onto his property. There was no damage.
- At 9:54 a.m., police responded to a two-car accident at River and Warren streets. One person was taken to a hospital.
- At 2:42 p.m., a Summer Street resident reported identity theft. Police are investigating.
- At 6:25 p.m., police received a call from Ottoson Middle School after a 12-year-old student's cellular phone was stolen from a locker.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

- At 10:29 a.m., a Hamilton Road resident called police after a driver hit a parked car and fled the scene. Police are investigating.
- At 7:59 p.m., police received a call from George Street after someone forced open a car door and stole tools. Police are investigating.
- At 9:34 p.m., a Germaine Lawrence staff member reported being assaulted by a student. Police are investigating.
- At 11:48 p.m., a Sunnyside Avenue resident called police after someone forced open a rear window and stole a laptop computer.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

- At 3:19 p.m., police spoke to a suspected shoplifter at a Massachusetts Avenue business and sent him on his way.
- At 10:52 p.m., a Woodside Lane resident reported an attempted burglary.
- At 2:29 p.m., police responded to a motor vehicle accident at Herbert Road and Melrose Street. One person was taken to an area hospital.
- At 9:36 a.m., a Massachusetts

Monday, Jan. 24

- At 11:03 a.m., police arrested Junior L. Docarmo, 19, 17 George St., Somerville, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Officer Joseph Dunn responded to a motor vehicle accident on Warren Street. Dunn discovered Docarmo was driving without a license and made the arrest.
- At 9:30 p.m., police arrested three juveniles and charged them with being minors in possession of alcohol. Officer Brian Connerney responded to Bishop School concerning a first-floor motion alarm. When he arrived, the officer saw a vehicle parked in the lot. He approached the vehicle and found three teens sitting in the car and noticed they possessed beer. He also saw three empty beer cans in the snow near the driver's window. Connerney asked the driver to open his truck where the officer discovered an unopened 30-pack of beer and one opened 30-pack with nine beers missing. Connerney made the arrests.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

- At 5:08 p.m., police arrested Arsenio Borges, 39, 47 Webster St., Apt. 1, Woburn, and charged him with unarmed robbery, possessing a Class B substance (cocaine) and assault and battery. Officer Michael Hogan responded to Central Street concerning a fight. When Hogan arrived at the scene, he saw Kolenda and ordered him to stop. The teen allegedly tried to flee, but police caught him. They also used pepper spray to subdue Kolenda. Hogan made the arrest.

Saturday, Jan. 29

- At 9:19 a.m., police arrested

George Dickinson, 33, 15 Grove St. Place, and charged him with leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in property damage, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a warrant for leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in property damage. Officer Donald Brown responded to Coleman Road and Massachusetts Avenue regarding two people arguing about a motor vehicle accident. By the time Brown arrived at the scene, one of the drivers, Dickinson, had already fled. The other driver told police she was driving on Bartlett Avenue when another driver side-swiped her vehicle. She beeped her horn and followed the other driver. She caught the other vehicle at Coleman Road and Massachusetts Avenue and an argument ensued. Police found Dickinson's vehicle in front of his home. Brown made the arrest.

Sunday, Jan. 30

- At 10:27 a.m., police arrested Ariel A. Rivera, 39, 123 Thorndike St., and charged him on a warrant for receiving stolen property more than \$250. Officer Donald Brown responded to a disturbance call on Thorndike Street and found there was a warrant for Rivera's arrest. Brown made the arrest.

Avenue resident reported identity theft. Police are investigating.

- At 9:49 a.m., police received a call from Massachusetts Avenue after a resident noticed a vehicle's door and running board had been damaged. Police believe the damage could have been caused by a snow plow.

- At 1:16 p.m., police responded to Hardy School about graffiti found on the building.

• At 2:49 p.m., a Varnum Street resident reported two tires were slashed on a vehicle.

- At 4:29 p.m., a Colonial Village Drive resident called police after someone forced open a residence's lock with a screwdriver and stole a computer.

Saturday, Jan. 29

- At 7:40 a.m., a Hodge Road resident reported identity theft. Police are investigating.

• At 1:21 p.m., police received a call after prescription medicine was stolen from a Massachusetts Avenue facility.

Police are investigating.

• At 3:19 p.m., police responded to Prentiss Road concerning money taken from a wallet.

• At 10:22 p.m., a Gardner Street resident notified police after someone smashed a car window.

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- Park and Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, ground-floor conference room.

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St. Paul's looks to expand

By Les Masterson

STAFF WRITER

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is one of Arlington's most widely viewed buildings.

Situated on Concord Turnpike and seen daily by Route 2 commuters, the church is a building the Redevelopment Board views as more than a church—it represents the community.

With that in mind, the board met with representatives of St. Paul's Monday to discuss the church's plans for an addition. The work includes demolishing the 13,000-square-foot portion of the building, which was constructed in 1951, and replacing it with a new wing that will be around 3,000 square feet larger. The work does not include any changes to the sanctuary.

John Benson, chairman of the church's building committee, said St. Paul's is looking to

build a new addition to provide more space for its Christian education classes. The church is limited in its current one-story building and the proposed two-story structure will allow for classes on the first floor and offices and meeting rooms on the second.

An elevator is also proposed, which will make the facility handicap accessible.

Benson said the church hopes to begin work in early June and construction is expected to last a year. Architect Sam Dennis said the most disruptive work will take place during the first six months.

Dennis said the church worked to design the addition as far away from residents as possible. The closest neighbor is 125 feet away, he said.

Faced with a tight budget, church leaders have needed to pare down the proposal: the addition is smaller than origi-

nally planned; rather than an all-brick addition, the church is proposing brick and stucco as a way to save \$40,000; and the planned design landscape has been reduced.

"There is some, but not as much as we like," said Benson of the landscape. "We've had to cut back throughout the project... We're limited by the funds we have available."

Redevelopment Board Chairman Ed Tsoi said he understood the church's constraints, but added no one will remember the church was under budget if it builds an unattractive addition.

"I always thought this was a highly prominent architecture structure, highly visible," Tsoi told church leaders and representatives. "I think you have an obligation to think about what it's going to look like. Decisions you make today will be there a lifetime."

Regarding blasting at the church, Dennis said they hope to avoid that by using jackhammers and other materials. If they need to blast, Dennis said the neighbors would be informed of the days and times.

Because the plan deals with a religious structure, the Redevelopment Board is limited in what it can demand from the church. The board Monday approved special permits on such items as setback, but the church will still need to go before the board for the 50 percent and 100 percent review process.

Tsoi asked church representatives to bring samples of materials and plans for the mechanical equipment, lighting and landscape at the next meeting.

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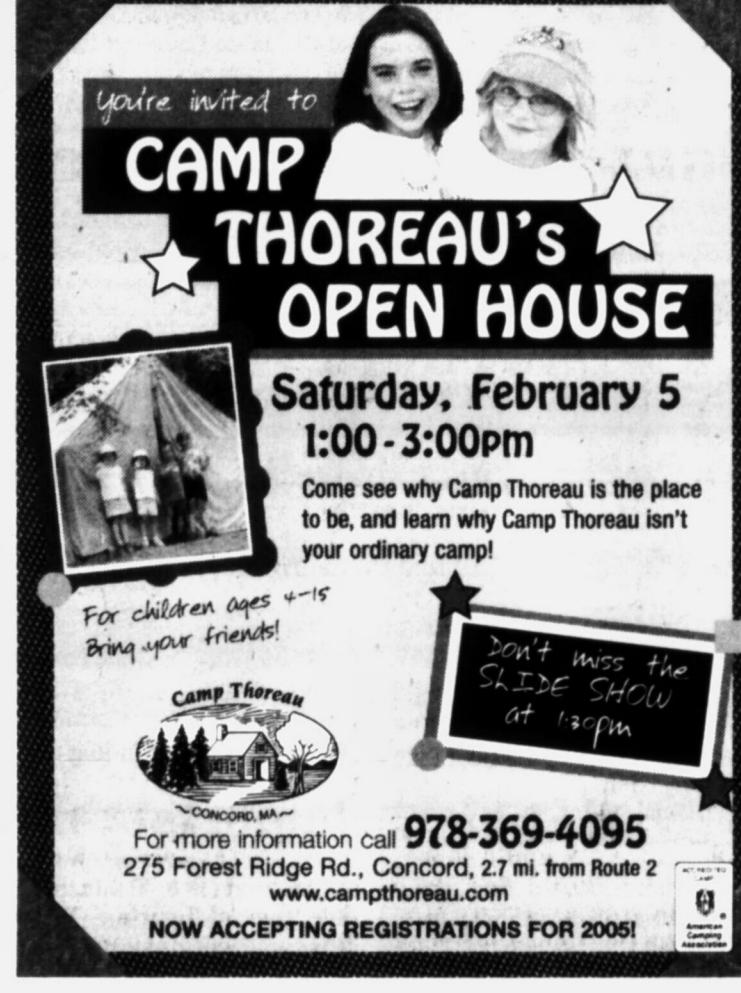
The Arlington Garden Club will hold its February meeting at noon on Wednesday Feb. 9 at the St. James Episcopal Church, Pleasant Street.

There will be a social hour and a chance to greet old and new friends. A business meeting will follow with information on the upcoming fashion show to be held March 13 at the Whittemore Robbins House.

Following the business meeting, the speaker for the afternoon is Donna Reed. Her topic is "Designing with Houseplants." Also, a reminder — this is the month members bring donations to the meeting for the Food Pantry.

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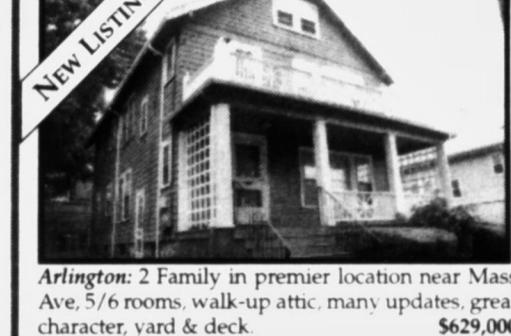
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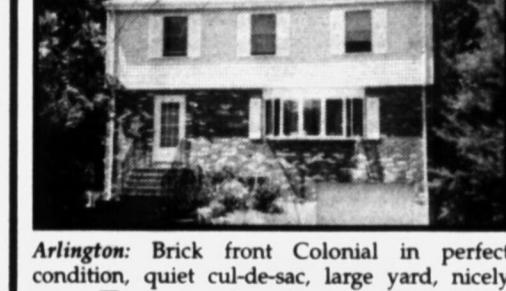
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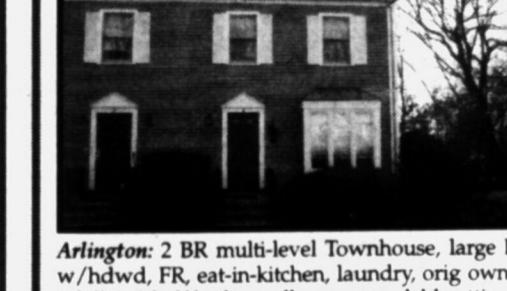
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5:40; 7:45; 9:50

Spanglish (Pg13) — 2:35;

5:05; 7:35; 10:05

Ocean's Twelve (Pg13) —

4:55; 7:25; 9:55

The Incredibles (Pg) — 1:35;

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Finding Neverland (Pg) —

1:25; 3:30; 5:35; 7:40; 9:45

Ray (Pg13) — 6:50; 9:40

The Spongebob Squarepants

Movie (Pg) — 1:10; 3:10

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Kinsey (R) — 12; 2:30; 5;

7:30; 10

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Boston Heart Party includes local eatery

Pfizer Inc. and 53 local restaurants — including Za in Arlington — will kick off an effort to raise awareness of CVD risk factors as part of Pfizer's 7th annual Boston Heart Party Feb. 8.

For the second consecutive year, restaurants across the city are uniting to meet the health needs of their patrons and communities by offering heart-smart dishes on their menus and distributing educational materials.

In 2004, 22 restaurants joined Pfizer's Boston Heart Party by offering heart-healthy dishes on their menus and distributing educational materials. The increased visibility of Pfizer's Boston Heart Party program in local restaurants helped contribute to a 34 percent increase in women and men attending CVD screenings than in the previous year.

In 2005, the restaurant program has expanded to include a greater variety of restaurants including diverse cuisine, price levels and geographic locations in an effort to enhance outreach and make heart-smart options and educational materials available in more Eastern Massachusetts communities.

The Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of Nutrition, one of Pfizer's Boston Heart Party sponsors, analyzed

all recipes to ensure they met heart health standards and certified them for the campaign. The heart-smart items will be indicated on menus with Pfizer's Boston Heart Party logo at participating restaurants.

"Consumer awareness of healthy eating is vital to the overall decrease of CVD deaths in this country," said Kathy McManus, director of nutrition at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and nutritional advisor to Pfizer's Boston Heart Party. "The increased awareness about CVD risk prevention in local restaurants gives their patrons a reason to choose heart-healthy options and take a step toward improving their own health."

CVD is the number one killer of Americans and kills nearly 500,000 women each year. The Boston Heart Party is a CVD awareness and screening campaign sponsored by Pfizer Inc. and several leading healthcare institutions and employers in Greater Boston.

Sponsors offer free cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose screenings at more than 100 locations across Eastern Massachusetts from the first day of spring, March 20 through Mother's Day, May 8.

For more information, please visit www.bostonheartparty.com.

Traffic calming forum set

A 30 mph sign won't slow cars if the street is designed for 45-mph traffic, even if there's a police officer on every corner. So what can control traffic?

Can communities maintain the flow of cars on busy streets, while still letting school children and shoppers cross safely? How can neighborhood streets be more comfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists? Can better design make streets safer?

Cara Seiderman has answers. Seiderman, transportation program manager for the city of Cambridge, is a nationally known expert on traffic calming. She is giving a talk on traffic calming that's being sponsored and supported by 12 community groups in Belmont, Arlington, Waltham and Watertown, on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 7:30

to 9 p.m. at Chenev Middle School Auditorium, 95 Washington St., Belmont.

Seiderman oversees the bicycle, pedestrian and traffic calming programs in Cambridge. She regularly gives workshops and presentations on livable community design and serves on state and national transportation committees.

Seiderman is serving on the Massachusetts Governor's Highway Design Manual Task Force; Steering Committee, Massachusetts Historic Parkways Initiative; and the Transportation Research Board Committee on Bicycle Transportation. She was awarded the Influence Pedaler Award from the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition in 2000.

Seiderman's talk is being co-sponsored

by the Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee, Belmont Walks/Bikes, Belmont Bikeway Committee, Belmont League of Women Voters, Citizens for Lexington Conservation, East End Neighbors (Watertown), Lexington Transportation Advisory Committee, Lexington Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee, Lexington Friends of the Bikeway, South Lexington Civic Association, Trapelo Neighborhood Association (Waltham), Watertown Bicycle Committee and Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety.

For more information, call the Belmont Citizens Forum 617-484-1844.

Submitted by the Transportation Advisory Committee.

New community ed brochure available

Want to relax with yoga or knitting? Become a pro in digital photography? Meditate in motion with Tai Chi? Paint our own silk scarf? Take a bird walk through the Arlington Reservoir? Fill your kitchen with the delicious aromas of freshly baking breads and simmering stews?

Look no further than the all-new Arlington Community Education (ACE) catalog, packed with more than 90 fun, interesting and exciting courses to enliven winter and spring evenings. Classes are taught by talented profes-

als and offered at below-market prices.

Long on curiosity, but short on time? Check out the many one and two-night workshops that run throughout March, April and May, including: Back Pain Yoga Clinic, Wedding Dancing: a One-Night Workshop, Rejuvenating Skin Care, First Aid for Pets, Feng Shui and Bike Repair.

More than 30 new courses include: Watercolor for Travel Journals, Pilates, Garden Coaching, Wine Sampler, Introduction to Zen, Conquer Clutter in Your Home and Office, Writing Work-

shop, Effective Parenting and Beginning Photography.

A complete list of courses is available on the Web at www.town.arlington.ma.us/commed.

Brochures are mailed to all Arlington residents and are available at the Community Education Office at Arlington High School, Arlington libraries and many locations throughout town. Most classes are held during the evenings at Arlington High School beginning the week of March 1. Non-residents are most welcome.

You can register by mail, phone or fax, and may pay by check, cash, Visa or MasterCard.

The Community Education Office is open on Monday and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon; and Tuesday and Thursday evenings when classes are in session, only, from 5-8 p.m. The office is located on the first floor of Arlington High School, just off the Main Lobby.

Call 781-316-3568 or e-mail communityed@arlington.k12.ma.us.

Bicycle group plans social

The Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC) is hosting a winter social event from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Whittemore-Robbins House, behind Robbins Library.

The ABAC Winter Social will feature local conversations about bicycling and informative presentations on local rides and bike-touring. In addition, author and historian David V. Herlihy will speak about his new book, "Bicycle: The History." Copies of Herlihy's book will be available for sale, and the author will be signing copies.

For those arriving by bicycle, note that municipal bike racks are available nearby — behind Robbins Library and in front of Town Hall. For more details, visit ABAC's Web site at <http://www.abac.arlington.ma.us>.

Breakfast focuses on health insurance

In April, the health insurance companies set their new rates. For those of you who are self-employed or own small businesses, don't be in the dark until then.

Instead attend the Arlington Chamber of Commerce's Health Insurance Breakfast Seminar on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Whittemore Robbins House (670R Massachusetts Avenue, directly behind the Robbins Library) to find out what lies ahead.

At this seminar sponsored by Winchester Hospital, member Jack McIntosh of Baystate Financial Services will provide an overview to small business owners and the self-employed about what to expect for rate increases. He will also discuss new insurance plans to be introduced this year. Network with peers too.

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Remembering the 'weird, wild' genius of Carson

Regent hosts free marathon

By Brooke Leister
STAFF WRITER

Robin Schoenthaler and her two young sons braved frigid temperatures last Friday evening to spend an evening with the late Johnny Carson.

"My kids have developed a fondness for Johnny Carson," said the Arlington resident. "It occurred to me this was a great way to teach them about popular culture."

From 4 to 11 p.m., the staff at the Regent Theatre opened the doors for a free showing of "The Best of Johnny Carson," in tribute to the late-night television legend who died Jan. 24 of emphysema at the age of 70. Over the seven hours, about 350 people filled the theater's seats to watch Carson, the 30-year host of "The Tonight Show," light up the big screen.

Throughout the evening, audience members laughed at the old shows, and some sang along to the musical guests.



STAFF PHOTO BY KAREN SPARACIO

The Regent Theatre hosts a tribute to Johnny Carson last Friday. The seven-hour marathon was free and brought around 350 people to watch the old shows.

Paulsen maps out her agenda

This is part of an ongoing series of stories highlighting the legislative agendas of Arlington's State House delegation.

By Linda Pinkow
CNC STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Anne Paulsen, D-Belmont, said the election of new Speaker of the House Sal DiMasi "has created a new vibrancy in the House, and has warmed the hearts of progressive Democrats."

"I think the House of Representatives will be a more lively organization," said Paulsen, who is beginning her seventh term.

Paulsen, who represents Precincts 2 and 4 in Arlington, all of Belmont and part of Cambridge, said she would like to see state spending increase in certain areas.

The state should implement efficiencies, she said, "but it is also true that all of us... benefit at one time or another from state spending."

Education funding is a key issue which may become more complicated when the Hancock case is resolved, possibly within the next few months. Hancock charges that Massachusetts municipalities still do not provide adequate and equal educational opportunities, even after more than 10 years of the state's education reform program.

"If the court finds for Hancock," she said, "we are going to be really scrambling to (reallocate) spending."

Paulsen also cited public higher education, "which we have neglected over the past seven years," while former Speaker Thomas Finneran was in charge. Higher education spending has been cut 20 percent over the past four years, she said, adding: "We just can't do it anymore."

Another difficult budgetary concern is health care.

"The costs climb every year, astronomically," Paulsen said. Health care costs need to be cut, she said, without blocking access to health care for the poor.

Affordable housing is also a concern because it is leading to a loss of population and also having other effects on the state's economy, she said.

"The businesses in Massachusetts are very concerned about the cost of health care and affordable housing," she said.

Paulsen also called for environmental spending cuts to be reversed.

Schoenthaler brought sons, Cooper, 5, and Kenzie, 9, to the theater. The boys became interested in Carson after watching old shows on cross-country airplane trips.

"He was a big part of my young adulthood," Schoenthaler said of her fondness for Carson. "I think there's something about that period of your life when you can stay up that late and your responsibilities in the morning aren't as great."

Lexington resident Barbara Levine attended the free showing because she is a big fan of the former late-night host, who helped launch the careers of Joan Rivers, Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld.

"I can remember one of the biggest laughs of my whole life was a story he read about a piano recital in Thailand that went awry. I remember my dad and I almost fell off our chairs," she recalled.

With Carson's passing, the special evening at the Regent was meaningful to Levine.

"It was the end of an era when he left (the show), and there was always the hope that he'd come back. Now, he never will except

for nights like this," she said.

Joe Life, of Arlington, was drawn to Carson because of a shared interest in magic. Like Carson, Life, 50, was drawn to magic as a teenager. He said he learned from the same book as Carson.

"I have a fondness for him because I'm a magician too. I started out like he did. I used to watch him in the '60s and '70s. I respected him because of the magic," said Life, who demonstrated a few disappearing paper tricks in the theater's lobby.

Medford resident Joe Gambale read about the evening in the newspaper and was enticed to attend.

"He was a funny guy. He was interesting. Coming here and watching this, you can see he was interesting to watch. He had some good people behind him. Doc Severinsen was one of the best," said Gambale.

Because of the Carson tribute success, Regent owner Gary Adelson plans to open the doors for more free events when the theater is not booked.

On Sunday, he will broadcast Super Bowl XXIX for free on the

big screen. Doors open at 5 p.m. In the future, he would like to show free family-oriented fare.

"We said, 'It's such a nice thing to do.' It feels good when the theater is not in use on the weekends to show movies. I would like to do things that appeal to families," Adelson said.

While he has toyed with the idea for awhile, the thank-yous he received after the Carson tribute

prompted him to move forward. "It's not something we make any money on, but it feels good," he said.

Regent showing Super Bowl

The Regent Theatre is hosting a Super Bowl party beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 (the game begins at 6:30 p.m.).

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Many hands make light work, and could save a life, if the phys-

ically able citizens "adopt a hydrant," the firefighters can expend their energy on the "orphaned" hydrants and everybody benefits from this cooperative approach.

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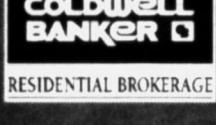
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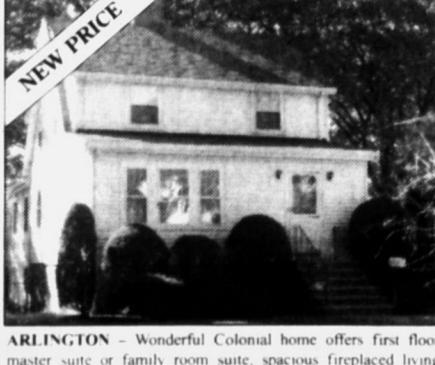
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The sing alongs are sponsored by the Russell Trust Fund. Visit the Robbins Library Web site at www.robbinslibrary.org.



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Moratorium on book donations

Because of the generosity of patrons, the Robbins Library storage closets are overflowing.

The Friends of the Robbins Library has instituted a moratorium on further book donations until Wednesday, Feb. 16. The next semi-annual book sale will take place on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26, with a preview sale for Friends' members on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Patrons wishing to donate books prior to Feb. 16 are encouraged to contact the Trinity Baptist Church at 781-643-4771. The church maintains a book collection bin for "Hands Across the Water," a group that send books to other countries to assist people learning English.

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Kaufman forum explores environmental debate

Lexington Reads joins Rep. Jay Kaufman, D-Lexington, in sponsoring this month's "Open House" public policy forum looking at "Reframing the Environmental Debate: National Security, Jobs, and Environmental Protection." The forum will take place on Monday, Feb. 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the National Heritage Museum at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Marrett Road (Route 2A) in Lexington.

Kaufman's guests for this two-hour program will be Kevin Knoblock, president of the Union of Concerned Scientists, Mindy Lubber, executive director of CERES (Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies), and Jim Gomes, CEO of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

They will be leading a discussion of critical public policy



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questions at the intersection of environmental protection, national security and economic growth. Can we articulate the link between environmental consciousness and sound economics? Is there a connection between growth and environmental protection? What role does or should environmental policy play in the debate over national and international security?

For further information, please call Rep. Kaufman's State House office 617-722-2552.



Kevin Knoblock

Troop 313 collecting equipment for children

Arlington Boy Scout Troop 313 is collecting new and used soccer equipment to send to Afghanistan by March.

The equipment will be shipped to soldiers in the US Army who are starting a soccer league for the Afghani youth. The project was undertaken at the suggestion of the Executive Director of the Arlington Boys and Girls Club Dan Brosnan, whose nephew, Andy, is serving in Afghanistan. Local Boy Scout Michael Loud is organizing the drive as his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project.

The goal is to collect more than 600 complete sets of equipment. Each set would include shirts, shorts, socks (new), shin guards and cleats, all in youth sizes. Other types of soccer equipment that are needed are balls, nets, cones and equipment bags.

These donations will be cleaned and inventoried by Boy Scout Troop 313. Then, with the help

of local businesses, the equipment will be boxed and shipped to Afghanistan where the US soldiers will distribute the equipment.

It is hoped local organizations, sports leagues, businesses and individuals will donate any of these items, either new or used. The only restriction is the equipment must be in usable condition. This program is a way to both support our troops in Afghanistan and provide an opportunity for Afghani youth to enjoy participating in sports.

Donations may be dropped off only on Sunday, Jan. 30 or Sunday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club outdoor basketball court.

Please do not drop items off at other times because this is a project of the Boy Scouts and there is no indoor storage space available at the club.

For more information, please call Michael Loud at 781-641-3584.

Germaine Lawrence recognizing milestone

This spring, Germaine Lawrence will mark its 25th anniversary of providing residential treatment services for adolescent girls with a celebratory benefit dinner and auction.

Germaine Lawrence, located in Arlington, provides services to girls between the ages of 11-18 whose emotional and behavioral problems make it difficult for them to live with their families and in their communities.

Germaine Lawrence offers students a comprehensive spectrum of services that helps them to develop age-appropriate social skills, continue their

schooling and make enough progress to enable them to live in the community safely again. Each of our specialized programs incorporates comprehensive clinical services, a state approved special education program and a structured, therapeutic, residential environment.

Each year, the facility is successful with approximately 80 percent of the more than 200 girls it serves, enabling them to return to their families or communities.

Germaine Lawrence's 25th anniversary gala benefit dinner and auction will take place on

May 1 at the Boston Marriott in Newton. Proceeds from the event will go toward the completion of Germaine Lawrence's \$2 million "Building the Vision: Rebuilding Lives" capital campaign to build two new homes specially designed to meet the needs of our students.

Diane Monteith, Kathleen Krueger Goshgarian and Cathy Zolner of Arlington are on the planning committee for the celebration. Additional committee members are welcome. For more information, please contact Kate at Germaine Lawrence at 781-859-1220.

Local UJP co-sponsors forum in Waltham

On Friday, Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m., a community forum will be held at St. John's Methodist Church, 80 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, with former National Guardswoman Sergeant Kelly Dougherty and Reserve Marine Lance Corporal Michael Hoffman.

They will speak about their experiences in Iraq and why they believe violence against US soldiers and Iraqis will only escape

late until U.S. forces leave the country. The event is co-sponsored by Arlington United for Justice with Peace.

Dougherty and Hoffman are co-founders of Iraq Veterans Against The War, which is calling for an immediate withdrawal from Iraq. Since its July 2004 founding, IVAW has been the subject of intense media and public interest.

Its members regularly criss-

cross the country giving talks to standing-room-only audiences in churches, schools, labor halls and other venues. IVAW is committed to saving lives and ending the violence in Iraq by an immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces, according to a statement on the group's Web page.

A \$7 donation is requested; all students may attend for free.

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EDITORIAL

Madrigals, orchestra are credit to town

Before heading off to tour Europe this month, the Arlington High School Madrigal Singers and Honors Orchestra will perform a free concert in the school's Lowe Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 10.

The performance is a way to thank the community for its support before the teens go to Europe for a tour. The trek will be the group's third to the continent over the past five years. In the past, they have visited Rome and Sicily and this time the students will tour Vienna and Venice. The itinerary will include sightseeing, in addition to performing in front of the European audiences.

The two groups have been busy rehearsing for the tour and next week's farewell concert. The orchestra has been working on classical, pop and jazz-inspired pieces, while the Madrigals have been belting out 15th-century music, spirituals and Broadway tunes.

Next Thursday, the public will see the finished product, but everyone should know the hours of work that go into each performance. Students arrive at school an hour early and rehearse while most of us are just getting out of bed.

With so many honors, it's easy to

become complacent about the Performing Arts Department. The musicians are recognized so often and put on such amazing performances that it becomes expected.

We have come to expect great things from the Performing Arts Department, whether it is the Madrigal Singers, Honors Orchestra or high school musicals.

Year after year, Performing Arts Director and Honors Orchestra leader Pasquale Tassone and his staff push students to become better musicians and singers. Arlington is lucky to have such dedicated instructors and students.

Next Thursday, the community can get to see the fruits of labor before the Madrigals and orchestra head off to represent Arlington across the pond.

The night is a chance for the public to get out of the house and celebrate the dedication and mastery of the high school's performing arts program.

The Advocate congratulates the Madrigals and Honors Orchestra for their dedication. The students continue to represent the community admirably and we hope Arlingtonians take the opportunity to show their gratitude at next week's concert.



Backward glance

Around 1910, professional photographer William Doane of 1253 Massachusetts Ave. captured — or quite possibly even posed — this image of four boys sledding down Woburn Avenue. Doane later published this view as a postcard. Sledding (then known as "coasting") was allowed on designated streets in the early decades of the automobile era.

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Shoveling gives sense of community

Very rarely do my husband and I argue, but on last Thursday, we got into a very heated debate over the editorial regarding the issue of shoveling snow ("Snow removal bylaw legislates being neighborly," Jan. 27 Advocate).

My husband agrees with the editor and believes that the town should invest in sidewalk plows to clear the snow from all the sidewalks in the town. I, on the other hand, feel that while it would be nice for the town to clear the sidewalks, it is not feasible and that given the current state of things, it is more important for the town to invest in snow removal equipment and manpower to do a better job of clearing the streets and sidewalks that abut town owned property.

Arlington does have a large elderly population and I believe that the majority of the elderly population resides in buildings that have employees who remove the snow from the properties. The problem is that society is full of people who have no real sense of community.

There are many people living here in Arlington who feel as long as they are able to get their cars out of their driveways that they have done their job. They give no consideration to those of us who walk or for their elderly neighbors and physically disabled neighbors who cannot shovel. They are lazy and selfish.

Many homeowners probably pay for a landscaping company to maintain their yards during the nice weather, and that probably includes the small strip of town-owned grass that is in front of most properties. Should we expect the town to maintain that as well? Could these same companies be hired in the winter for snow removal?

The editorial also stated that the people in East Arlington are hard pressed to clear their sidewalks because of space. Well, don't most people in East Arlington have front lawns? Couldn't they put the snow from the sidewalks onto their lawns?

East Arlington is not the only area in which the houses are

close together and yet they are the only ones we should feel sorry for. Most people, unless they live on a corner lot, have about 60 feet of frontage and if they cannot clear 60 feet or less of snow, they have a problem.

Christine Carney
RICHFIELD ROAD

Disagrees with editorial

I strongly disagree with your view on residents shoveling their sidewalks. In the first place that 20 percent of seniors you mentioned are the most likely (except maybe children) to hurt themselves struggling through drifts, slipping on the ice or walking on narrowed streets.

If they can't clear at least a shovel-wide path on the sidewalks in front of their houses, they need to pay someone to do it: paying for such services is part of the price of owning a house. Actually I bet half of those seniors live in condos or apartment buildings. And it's cheaper than being sued when someone falls.

OK, we don't own the sidewalks the rest of the year. But if we expect the town to buy more sidewalk plows and pay people to do the job, are we willing to come up with the money? With higher taxes? Cuts in education? What?

I think the town has done a fantastic job of clearing snow this winter. As a senior (I'm 75), I'm most grateful. And I think that at least in the Heights, where I live, most people have done well on their own sidewalks. Thanks to you all!

Katharine Lawrence
PARK AVENUE

Plows pushing snow on sidewalks

Your editorial "Snow removal legislates being neighborly" struck a chord with me.

After the latest blizzard, on Sunday night and Monday morning I shoveled the sidewalk to meet my neighbors' shoveled sidewalk. On Tuesday morning and a few days thereafter, the town plows pushed a mixture of salt, ice and snow 6 to 7 feet high on my previously shoveled sidewalk. My snowblower could not remove any of this mixture of ice

and snow.

I understand that to widen the corner of the street, the plows have to put the snow somewhere. However, when they fill in a previously shoveled sidewalk, they should be responsible for clearing the shoveled area. This condition at the street corners and intersections is typical in my area of the town.

When I moved to Arlington in the mid-1960s, a sidewalk plow cleared the sidewalks on all routes to schools. I know that will never happen again, but some provisions should be made to clear sidewalks where the town has piled it high along routes where children walk to school.

A few years ago, a woman walking her dog attempted to climb over a pile of ice and snow at this same corner. She fell and broke her ankle. I do not want to see anything like that happen.

Walter H. Weidner Jr.
GRAY STREET

Clearing sidewalks matter of safety

There are a few points that I would like to make regarding last Thursday's editorial, "Snow removal bylaw legislates being neighborly." The first is to resolve that keeping Arlington's sidewalks clear isn't a question of being neighborly — it's a matter of public safety.

The grim truth is that automotive accidents involving pedestrians are far more likely to cause injuries and fatalities. The key to preventing these accidents is to provide both pedestrians and motorists with a safe place to travel. Sidewalks are an integral part of Arlington's public ways, during all seasons.

My second point is that the responsibility for clearing sidewalks is largely a fiscal issue. Although the editorial questioned the legality of the status quo, Massachusetts General Law clearly grants towns the right to require property owners to clear abutting sidewalks.

Arlington's sidewalks, as part of our public ways, belong to all of us. But if the town were to shoulder responsibility for clearing them, it would likely come in the form of an added tax burden.

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While there can be debate over who should shoulder the responsibility, there should be none over the importance of keeping our sidewalks clear. Let's keep both the debate and the sidewalks open.

Elisabeth Carr-Jones
LEHIGH STREET

Issues with snow plowing

There is a bylaw in Arlington, that the landowner is responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalk. This snow removal is not the problem of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Often, the DPW is the problem, piling snow from the street onto the sidewalk. There is no solution evident.

Last winter, there was a letter here complaining that the intersections of Herbert Road were plowed onto the sidewalk within a couple blocks of the Hardy School. Then, I had considered recommending the use of stakes with reflectors to mark the sidewalks. Nevermind. I have to purchase replacements for my marking.

"Who owns this (sidewalk)?" seems to be the only concern, as voiced by the operator of the front-end loader who was filling trucks with snow at my corner on Saturday.

I shoveled the sidewalk after the front-end loader left. That's four times in a week, twice to clean up after the DPW. There is a bylaw in Arlington, that the landowner is responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalk.

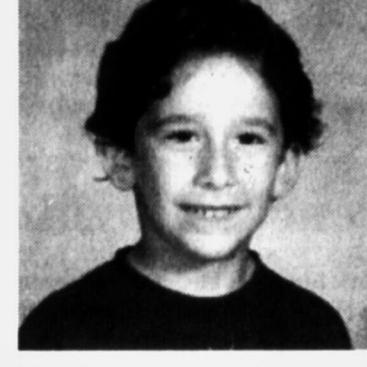
Besides, I am adjacent to the Stratton School, and I think it's nice if the neighborhood kids don't have to dodge the school buses from Dallin as they walk to school.

Jonathan Cole
PHEASANT AVENUE

A child's life is saved Thompson

It was an ordinary school day for Michael Legere, 7-year-old student of Mrs. Rice's first grade. That is until his a.m. snack time.

While munching on a snack, Mikey's fellow classmates noticed a "funny" look on his



Michael Legere

face and that he was not breathing. They quickly screamed for Mrs. Rice who responded quickly in performing the Heimlich Maneuver several times before the cracker became dislodged.

Had it not been for this persistence with this maneuver, our grandson would not be with us today.

Thank you, Mrs. Rice, for your quick response in coming to Michael's aid. I'm sure you acquired several gray hairs over this situation.

We also would like to thank Liz, the school nurse, who kept checking on Michael throughout the day to see that he was OK.

Teachers don't just educate our children, but are concerned about them in many other ways. In school these are their children. It is such a comforting feeling to know that when Michael is sent off to Thompson each day, that he is in such capable hands.

A great big thank you to all his fellow classmates for the support they gave him when he didn't know what was happening.

And what about Mikey? Well, he does not talk while he is eating and he chews his food well before swallowing.

Thank you — all.

Bunny Legere
RIVER STREET

Questions dismissal

I am writing to express my dismay over the dismissal of the girls varsity soccer coach Danielle Athanasiadis by Arlington High School Principal Charles Skidmore.

It seems that this dismissal has been based largely on the

complaints of a very few parents disgruntled that their daughters did not receive enough playing time this past season. It is incomprehensible to me that any high school varsity coach would be dismissed for anything so trivial.

I have been involved with soccer in Arlington for the better part of 10 years. I have coached girls from ages 9-18, at levels from Division 1 to Div 4. Youth sports (grades K-8) are all about equal playing time and player development. Varsity sports, and varsity sport, is about putting the best team on the field at any given time. If we dismissed coaches for three or four parent complaints, then I'm sure every varsity coach at Arlington High.

There has been no official statement made by Mr. Skidmore concerning this incident, even though a large number of current players, parents and acquaintances of Ms. Athanasiadis have spoken on her behalf. I understand this is a personnel issue and the principal cannot comment on the specifics of Ms. Athanasiadis' dismissal, but what about the processes used to arrive at this decision?

Specifically, I would like the answer to the following questions:

Why were the complaints of so few disgruntled parents given so much weight, when the comments of far more players and parents in support of this coach were ignored?

Why did this decision come from the principal and not the athletic director? How much experience in varsity athletics does Mr. Skidmore possess?

Did Mr. Skidmore actually witness any of Ms. Athanasiadis' coaching? Did he attend any games or practices? I would think after receiving complaints about an employee, he would make an effort to observe that employee for himself.

Are there any printed coaching guidelines that this coach violated? Are there any printed coaching guidelines at all? If not, then how can any coach be dismissed for violating policy?

Let me make it clear that I am not attacking Mr. Skidmore here.

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